

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

TIME SCHEDULE ORDER NO. R5-2007-XXXX

REQUIRING THE CITY OF YUBA CITY
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
SUTTER COUNTY

TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN ORDER NO. R5-2007-XXXX
(NPDES PERMIT NO. CA0079260)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter Regional Water Board) finds that:

1. On XX October 2007, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order No. R5-2007-XXXX, prescribing waste discharge requirements for the City of Yuba City (hereafter Discharger) Wastewater Treatment Facility (hereafter Facility), Sutter County.
2. WDR Order No. R5-2007-0113, contains Final Effluent Limitations IV.A.1.c. and IV.A.2.c. for Discharge Point No. 001, and Final Effluent Limitations IV.B.1.c. and IV.B.2.c. for Discharge Point 002, which read as follows:

“c. **Total Recoverable Iron.** For a calendar year, the annual average total recoverable iron concentration in the effluent shall not exceed 300 µg/L.”
3. California Water Code (CWC) section 13300 states: *“Whenever a regional board finds that a discharge of waste is taking place or threatening to take place that violates or will violate requirements prescribed by the regional board, or the state board, or that the waste collection, treatment, or disposal facilities of a discharger are approaching capacity, the board may require the discharger to submit for approval of the board, with such modifications as it may deem necessary, a detailed time schedule of specific actions the discharger shall take in order to correct or prevent a violation of requirements.”*
4. Federal regulations, 40 CFR §122.44 (d)(1)(i), require that NPDES permit effluent limitations must control all pollutants which are or may be discharged at a level which will cause or have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an in-stream excursion above any State water quality standard, including any narrative criteria for water quality. Beneficial uses, together with their corresponding water quality objectives or promulgated water quality criteria, can be defined per federal regulations as water quality standards.
5. In accordance with CWC section 13385(j)(3), the Regional Water Board finds that, based upon results of effluent monitoring, the Discharger is not able to consistently comply with the effluent limitations for iron. These limitations are new requirements that become applicable to the Order after the effective date of adoption of the waste discharge requirements, and after 1 July 2000, for which new or modified control measures are

necessary in order to comply with the limitation, and the new or modified control measures cannot be designed, installed, and put into operation within 30 calendar days.

6. Immediate compliance with the new effluent limitations for iron are not possible or practicable. The Clean Water Act and the California Water Code authorize time schedules for achieving compliance.
7. CWC section 13385(h) and (i) require the Regional Water Board to impose mandatory minimum penalties upon dischargers that violate certain effluent limitations. CWC section 13385(j) exempts certain violations from the mandatory minimum penalties. CWC section 13385(j)(3) exempts the discharge from mandatory minimum penalties *“where the waste discharge is in compliance with either a cease and desist order issued pursuant to Section 13301 or a time schedule order issued pursuant to Section 13300, if all the [specified] requirements are met.”*
8. Compliance with this Order exempts the Discharger from mandatory penalties for violations of effluent limitations for iron only, in accordance with CWC section 13385(j)(3). CWC section 13385(j)(3) requires the Discharger to prepare and implement a pollution prevention plan pursuant to section 13263.3 of the California Water Code. Therefore, a pollution prevention plan will be necessary for iron in order to effectively reduce the effluent concentrations by source control measures.
9. Since the time schedules for completion of action necessary to bring the waste discharge into compliance exceeds 1 year, this Order includes interim requirements and dates for their achievement. The time schedules do not exceed 5 years.
10. The compliance time schedule in this Order includes interim performance-based effluent limitations for iron. The interim effluent limitations are derived using sample data provided by the Discharger. In developing the interim limitations, when there are ten sampling data points or more, sampling and laboratory variability is accounted for by establishing interim limits that are based on normally distributed data where 99.9% of the data points will lie within 3.3 standard deviations of the mean (*Basic Statistical Methods for Engineers and Scientists, Kennedy and Neville, Harper and Row*). Therefore, the interim limitations for iron in this Order are established as the mean plus 3.3 standard deviations of the available data.
11. The Regional Water Board finds that the Discharger can undertake source control and treatment plant measures to maintain compliance with the interim limitations included in this Order. Interim limitations are established when compliance with the final effluent limitations cannot be achieved by the existing discharge. Discharge of constituents in concentrations in excess of the final effluent limitations, but in compliance with the interim effluent limitations, can significantly degrade water quality and adversely affect the beneficial uses of the receiving stream on a long-term basis. The interim limitations, however, establish an enforceable ceiling concentration until compliance with the effluent limitation can be achieved.

12. On XX October 2007, in Sacramento, California, after due notice to the Discharger and all other affected persons, the Board conducted a public hearing at which evidence was received to consider a Time Schedule Order under CWC section 13300 to establish a time schedule to achieve compliance with waste discharge requirements.
13. Issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.), in accordance with CWC section 15321 (a)(2), Title 14, of the California Code of Regulations.
14. Any person adversely affected by this action of the Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board to review this action. The petition must be received by the State Water Resources Control Board, Office of the Chief Counsel, P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100, within 30 days of the date on which this action was taken. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions will be provided on request.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Discharger shall comply with the following time schedule to ensure compliance with the effluent limitation for iron contained in WDR Order No. R5-2007-XXXX as described in the above Findings:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Submit Method of Compliance Workplan/Schedule	Within 6 months of the effective date of this Order
Submit Pollution Prevention plan (PPP) ¹ pursuant to CWC section 13263.3	Within 6 months of the effective date of this Order
Progress Reports ²	1 June and 1 December, annually, until final compliance
Final Compliance	18 May 2010

¹ The PPP shall be prepared and implemented for iron, and shall meet the requirements specified in CWC section 13263.3

² The progress reports shall detail what steps have been implemented towards achieving compliance with waste discharge requirements, including studies, construction progress, evaluation of measures implemented, and recommendations for additional measures as necessary to achieve full compliance by the final date.

2. The following interim effluent limitation shall be effective through **17 May 2010**, or when the Discharger is able to come into compliance with the Final effluent limitation, whichever is sooner:

Total Recoverable Iron. The maximum daily total recoverable iron concentration in the effluent shall not exceed 336 µg/L.

3. For the compliance schedules required by this Order, the Discharger shall submit to the Regional Water Board on or before each compliance report due date, the specified document or, if appropriate, a written report detailing compliance or noncompliance with the specific schedule date and task. If noncompliance is being reported, the reasons for such noncompliance shall be stated, and shall include an estimate of the date when the Discharger will be in compliance. The Discharger shall notify the Regional Water Board by letter when it returns to compliance with the time schedule.
4. If, in the opinion of the Executive Officer, the Discharger fails to comply with the provisions of this Order, the Executive Officer may apply to the Attorney General for judicial enforcement. If compliance with these effluent limitations is not achieved by the Full Compliance date, the discharge would not be exempt from the mandatory minimum penalties for violation of certain effluent limitations, and would be subject to issuance of a Cease and Desist Order in accordance with CWC section 13301.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on XX October 2007.

PAMELA C CREEDON, Executive Officer